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[Aldy, Henry W.]

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FOR Farm Family of the Week

TIME 12:25-1:00 p.m.

BY Howard Langfitt

DATE Fri. May 13, 1960

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CAMERA ON LANGFITT	IN THE VERY BEGINNING I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO THE ATTALA COUNTY EXTENSION STAFF FOR THEIR VERY WONDERFUL HELP IN SELECTING THE FAMILY WHICH WE SALUTE TODAY AND FOR GOING WITH ME TO THEIR FARM TO HELP ME OBTAIN THE STORY I AM ABOUT TO TELL. I WANT ESPECIALLY TO THANK COUNTY AGENT FRANK BUCHANAN, ASSOCIATE COUNTY AGENT, BILL SWOOPE AND ASSISTANT COUNTY AGENT BILL WALTON. THIS IS THE STORY OF MR. AND MRS. HENRY W. ALDY AND THEIR FOUR CHILDREN WHO LIVE ON AND FARM 162½ ACRES AND RENT ANOTHER 808 ACRES IN THE HARMONIA COMMUNITY FIVE MILES SOUTH OF SALLI
SLIDE <u>FARM-1</u> MAILBOX	IN ATTALA COUNTY. HENRY ALDY GREW UP IN THIS SAME COMMUNITY OF ATTALA COUNTY, ABOUT A HALF MILE FROM THEIR PRESENT HOME. MRS. ALDY WAS, BEFORE HER MARRIAGE, MISS LILLIAN MUIRHEAD, A FARM GIRL WHO GREW UP NEAR VAIDEN. SHE AND HENRY FIRST MET AT A BIRTHDAY PARTY WHILE SHE WAS VISITING TWO OLDER SISTERS WHO LIVED IN THE HARMONIA COMMUNITY. THEY WERE MARRIED IN 1941. THIS IS THEIR LOVELY HOME, THOUGH THEY HAVEN'T ALWAYS LIVED IN THIS FINE A HOME. THE FIRST TWO YEARS THEY WERE MARRIED THEY FARMED WITH HENRY'S DADDY...THEN IN 1943 THEY BOUGHT THE 162½ ACRES AND MOVED INTO THIS HOUSE ON THE FARM...THEY ALSO CONTINUED TO RENT HENRY'S DADDY'S FARM. BEFORE
SLIDE <u>FARM-2</u> FAMILY	
SLIDE <u>FARM-3</u> HOUSE	
SLIDE <u>FARM-4</u> OLD HOUSE	

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SLIDE FARM-5
HOUSE

SLIDE FARM-6
COTTON

SLIDE FARM-7
COTTON

THEY BOUGHT THEIR FIRST LAND AND WHILE THEY WERE STILL FARMING WITH HENRY'S DADDY, THEY MILKED COWS AND OPERATED A DAIRY, BUT WHEN THEY MOVED OVER TO THEIR PRESENT LAND THEY WERE OFF THE DAIRY ROUTE AND THE DAIRY DIDN'T WANT TO COME OVER INTO THIS AREA SO THEY ~~WENT~~ QUIT DAIRYING AND BOUGHT A HEREFORD BULL AND BEGAN A SWITCH TO BEEF PRODUCTION. WE'LL TELL YOU MORE ABOUT THE BEEF PROGRAM A LITTLE LATER. THEY LIV. IN THAT OLD HOUSE, WHICH BY THE WAY WAS 110 YEARS OLD WHEN THEY MOVED INTO IT, UNTIL THEY BUILT THIS FINE HOME IN 1954. HENRY ALDY RECALLS THAT THEY STARTED OUT TO RENT THE LAND BUT BEFORE THE RENT CAME DUE THEY BOUGHT IT. THEY STARTED FARMING WITH AN OLD MULE, TWO PLOWS AND TWO COWS. HENRY SAYS THE FIRST YEAR THEY MADE ENOUGH TO BUY SOME JERSEYS SO THEY DAIRYED A COUPLE OF YEARS OTHERWISE THEIR PROGRAM WAS COTTON, CORN, CATTLE AND HAY CROPS. OTHER THAN THE END TO DAIRYING THEIR PROGRAM TODAY IS ESSENTIALLY THE SAME EXCEPT THAT IT IS CONSIDERABLY IMPROVED AND THE EMPHASIS IS SOMEWHAT CHANGED. TODAY HENRY ALDY HAS 125 ACRES IN COTTON AND THIS YEAR FOR THE FIRST TIME HE HAS PRE-EMERGED IT ALL ON THE ADVICE OF HIS COUNTY AGENTS. HE SHARE CROPS ALL BUT 25 ACRES OF COTTON WHICH HE AND THE CHILDREN ARE

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SLIDE FARM-8
MACHINE

SLIDE FARM-9
FARM LAND

SLIDE FARM-10
CATTLE

HANDLING. HENRY SAYS HE AND HIS WIFE USED TO HANDLE 25 ACRES ALL ALONE SO HE FIGURES HE AND THE CHILDREN CAN DO THE SAME THING. HERE WE SEE HENRY AND COUNTY AGENT FRANK BUCHANAN CHECKING THE COTTON FOR THRIPS. HENRY STARTS POISONING EARLY AND FOLLOWS A COMPLETE SEASON PROGRAM. HE POISONS 15 TO 20 TIMES DEPENDING ON THE NEED.... AND DOES IT ALL WITH GROUND EQUIPMENT. LATE SEASON CONTROL IS DOWN WITH THIS HIGHBOY. HE HASN'T USED A PLANE SINCE HE GOT THE HIGHBOY 4 YEARS AGO. FOUR FAMILIES SHARECROP AND ALL COTTON IS PICKED BY HAND. HENRY'S AVERAGE YIELD IS ABOUT 1 3/4 TO 2 BALES TO THE ACRE. THE HIGHEST HE HAS MADE WAS 2 1/2 BALES. HE PLANTS SOME BLUE TAG SEED AND SOME GIN SEED AND TREATS ALL HIS SEED WITH SERASAN. HENRY SAYS HE PLANS TO CONTINUE COTTON ...MRS. ALDY SAYS SHE'S BEEN TRYING TO GET HIM OUT OF IT FOR THREE YEARS BUT HE LIKES COTTON AND SHE GUESSES HE ALWAYS WILL. HE ALSO HAS ABOUT 80 TO 90 ACRES IN CORN...HALF OF IT HANDLED ON THE SHARES. HE PLANTS HYBRID SEED AND HIS YIELDS AVERAGE 80 TO 100 BUSHELS. HE ALSO PRE-EMERGES SOME OF THE CORN. FOR THE PAST FOUR YEAR HE HAS BEEN PICKING IT MECHANICALLY. NOW TO GO BACK TO THE CATTLE PROGRAM....HENRY ALDY GOT RID OF THOSE JERSEYS QUITE A WHILE AGO AND BOUGHT

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SLIDE FARM-11
CATTLE

SLIDE FARM-12
CATTLE

SLIDE FARM-13
BULL

SLIDE FARM-14
LAND

SOME HEREFORDS. HE HAS THREE REGISTERED COWS AND THE REST ARE GRADE COWS. IN FACT HE MADE THE SWITCH IN 1947 AND '48 WHEN HE BOUGHT 15 OR 20 WHITE FACE ANIMALS. TODAY HENRY HAS 52 HEAD OF CATTLE....30 OF THEM BROOD COWS....ALL HEREFORDS. HE FOLLOWS A COMMERCIAL COW AND CALF PROGRAM AND SELLS THE BULK OF THE CALVES MILK FAT OFF THE COW. HE DOES FEED OUT A FEW OF THE LATE CALVES. HENRY SAVES HIS BEST HEIFERS FOR HERD REPLACEMENT AND CULLS THE HERD CLOSE. HE CALFHOOD VACCINATES AND THE HERD IS TB AND BANGS FREE. HE GETS ABOUT A 90% CALF CROP. HENRY WOULD LIKE TO HAVE MORE CATTLE BUT HE DOESN'T PRESENTLY HAVE ENOUGH LAND HE CAN DEPEND ON YEAR IN AND YEAR OUT. HE HOPES ONE DAY TO GET MORE LAND AND THEN HE WANTS MORE CATTLE. HE HAS ALWAYS USED GOOD BREEDING IN HIS HERD....IT HAS BEEN REGISTERED POLLED HEREFORD BULLS SINCE THE VERY BEGINNING. HENRY ALDY FEEDS ABOUT HALF HIS CORN AND SELLS THE REST. HE USED TO FEED A LOT MORE. FOR FOUR OR FIVE YEARS HE WAS IN THE HOG BUSINESS. HE QUIT THAT LAST YEAR WHEN PRICES GOT SO LOW...ALSO SWINE ERESYPELUS ABOUT WIPED HIM OUT...BUT HE HOPES TO GET BACK IN WHEN THE MARKET STABILIZES. HENRY CREEP FEEDS ALL HIS CALVES AND USED BACKRUBS IN THE PASTURES AND SPRAYS THREE OR FOUR TIMES A YEAR. HE HAS

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SLIDE FARM-15
PASTURESLIDE FARM -16
MACHINERYSLIDE FARM-17
BARNSLIDE FARM-18
POND

THREE PASTURE AREAS AND ALL HIS LAND IS FENCED AND CROSS FENCED. IN FACT, HENRY HAS CLEARED ALL THIS LAND YOU SEE HERE. PERMANENT GRAZING CONSISTS OF DALLIS AND BERMUDA GRASS, BAHIA GRASS AND LADINO CLOVER...ABOUT 75 TO 80 ACRES OF IT. HE LIMES AND FERTILIZES HIS PASTURES AS WELL AS HIS ROW CROPS. TEMPORARY GRAZING CONSISTS OF 30 TO 40 ACRES OF OATS, CRIMSON CLOVER AND RYE GRASS... ALL OF WHICH HE SOW SEEDS INTO PERMANENT PASTURE AND GRAZES ALL THE WAY DOWN. HENRY ALDY CLIPS HIS PASTURES FOR WEED CONTROL AND PLANS TO USE CHEMICAL WEED CONTROL FOR DOCK THIS YEAR. HE IS A COMPLETELY MECHANIZED FARMER AND HAS MOST OF THE EQUIPMENT HE NEEDS TO DO HIS FARM OPERATION. TONY, WHO IS 15 DOES A LOT OF THE TRACTOR DRIVING THE ALDYS PUT UP 8 TO 10 ACRES OF SOYBEANS AND ALICE CLOVER AS A HAY CROP. EACH YEAR THEY PUT UP 1,000 TO 1,500 BALES. IT IS STORED IN THIS SHEET METAL COVERED BARN WHICH HENRY BUILT HIMSELF USING TIMBER HE CUT OFF THE PLACE. IN FACT HE HAS BUILT ALL HIS BUILDINGS EXCEPT THE HOUSE, PART OF WHICH HE CONTRACTED. HE BUILT A MACHINE SHED FOR STORAGE OF HIS VALUABLE MACHINERY BACK IN 1955. WATER FOR THE LIVESTOCK HERD IS SUPPLIED FROM THIS STOCK POND AND ONE OTHER. HENRY IS IN THE PROCESS OF BUILDING A THIRD. WATER AT THE HOUSE

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SLIDE FARM-19
TIMBER

IS FROM A 440 FOOT ARTESIAN WELL WHICH FLOWS A STREAM OF WATER ALL THE TIME. HENRY ALDY OF SALLIS, MISSISSIPPI, ALSO HAS TIMBER AS A PART OF HIS FARM PROGRAM. HE HAS ABOUT 50 ACRES IN PINE WHICH HE THINS AND WEEDS, SELECTIVELY HARVESTS AND PROTECTS FROM FIRE. FROM HIS TIMBER HE CUTS HIS FENCE POSTS AND TREATS THEM IN HIS HOMEMADE TREATING VAT USING A PENTA SOLUTION.

SLIDE FARM-20
PINE SEEDLINGS

DURING THE YEARS, ON HIS OWN LAND AND ON RENTED LAND HENRY ALDY AND HIS FAMILY HAVE SET OUT 45,000 PINE SEEDLINGS. THEY HAVE BEEN PUT ON LAND BEST SUITED TO TIMBER PRODUCTION. YOU CAN SEE SOME OF THEM POCKING THEIR HEADS OUT OF THE GRASS IN THIS PICTURE. THIS IS A COMPLETELY LIVE

SLIDE FARM-21
GARDEN

AT HOME FAMILY. THERE IS VERY LITTLE THEY BUY OTHER THAN THE STAPLES. THE ALDYS HAVE ABOUT 3 ACRES IN GARDEN COUNTING THE PATCHES. MRS. ALDY SAYS THEY PLANT AND RE-PLANT UNTIL THE FROST GETS IT. EACH YEAR THEY PUT A COUPLE OF YEARLINGS AND

SLIDE FARM-22
FREEZER

A COUPLE OF HOGS IN THE FREEZER BESIDES THE POULTRY AND VEGETABLES THAT GO IN....I WOULD JUDGE THEY FREEZE ABOUT 2,400 POUNDS EVERY YEAR.

SLIDE FARM-23
CANNED FOOD

BESIDES WHAT IS FROZEN, AND WHAT THEY EAT FRESH FROM THE GARDEN...AND YOU CAN PROBABLY SEE THE ENGLISH PEA PODS ON THE COUNTER SHELF...MRS. ALDY ALSO PUTS UP ABOUT 300 JARS OF FOOD...THINGS THE

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SLIDE FARM-24
GIRLSLIDE FARM-25
WOMAN SEWINGSLIDE FARM-26
GIRLSLIDE FARM-27
CHILDREN IN YARD

FAMILY DOESN'T LIKE FROZEN AND THINGS THAT LEAVE THEMSELVES BETTER TO CANNING TO PRESERVE THAT FRESH TASTE. BOTH MRS. ALDY AND 17 YEAR OLD IRMA PAY LOVE TO COOK. MRS. ALDY SAYS SHE IS TEACHING HER GIRLS AS THEY GROW UP TO KNOW HOW TO COOK. MRS. ALDY SORT OF CONSIDERS COOKING ONE OF HER HOBBIES. SHE ALSO LIKES TO SEW....AND I DON'T MEAN JUST MENDING FOR THE FAMILY OR CLOTHES...IN ADDITION SHE LIKES TO PIECE QUILTS, KNIT, CROCHET, EMBROIDERY AND SO FORTH. IRMA PAY MAKES HER OWN SUMMER CLOTHES. THERE ARE MANY TALENTS IN THIS FAMILY. 12 YEAR OLD JEAN LIKES TO PAINT. THE TWO PICTURES ON THE DRESSER ARE HER HANDIWORK, AND THOUGH THEY ARE PAINTED BY THE NUMBERS THEY SHOW A REAL TALENT FOR BLENDING COLORS IN THEIR PROPER PROPORTION AND PERSPECTIVE. JEAN IS ALSO TAKING PIANO AND IRMA PAY IS CHURCH PIANIST. THIS IS ALSO A 4-H CLUB FAMILY AS THE SIGN NAILED ON THE TREE PROCLAIMED TO ME AS I DROVE UP. I FOUND THAT IRMA PAY, JEAN AND TONY ARE ALL 4-H CLUB MEMBERS. TONY HAS BEEN A MEMBER THREE YEARS AND HIS PROJECTS ARE BEEF, CORN, COTTON, TRACTOR MAINTENANCE AND GARDEN. IRMA PAY HAS BEEN A MEMBER 5 YEARS AND HER PROJECTS ARE YARD BEAUTIFICATION, FOODS AND CLOTHING. JEAN HAS HEALTH, SAFETY AND GARDENING

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AND I DON'T KNOW WHETHER THAT INCLUDES FLOWER GARDENS BUT SHE WAS SURE BUSY WEEDING FLOWER BEDS WHEN I ARRIVED AT THE FARM LAST MONDAY. MRS. ALDY LANDSCAPED AROUND HER HOME AND LOVES TO WORK IN HER FLOWER BEDS. THE ALDY FAMILY BELONGS TO THE HARMONIA METHODIST CHURCH IN THE COMMUNITY AND BOTH HENRY AND MRS. ALDY ARE SUBSTITUTE SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS. BESIDES ~~PKM~~ PLAYING PIANO FOR THE CHURCH IRMA FAY ALSO SINGS IN THE CHOIR. THE ALDYS BELONG TO THE FARM BUREAU. I COULD TELL YOU MUCH MORE ABOUT THIS FINE ATTALA COUNTY FARM FAMILY BUT NOW I WOULD RATHER YOU HEARD THE REST FROM THEM IN THE TIME THAT REMAINS.

1. HENRY, WHAT SHAPE WAS YOUR LAND IN WHEN YOU STARTED?
2. WHAT ARE YOUR HOPES FOR THE FUTURE?
3. MRS. ALDY, WHAT DO YOU LIKE MOST ABOUT YOUR HOME?
4. DO YOU DO ANY OUTSIDE WORK THESE DAYS, OTHER THAN YOUR FLOWER BEDS?
5. DO YOU HAVE A CHICKEN FLOCK?
6. WHAT ARE YOUR HOPES FOR THE CHILDREN?
7. IRMA FAY WHAT ARE YOU TAKING IN HIGH SCHOOL?
8. WHAT YEAR ARE YOU...WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS AFTER GRADUATION. TALK TO OTHER CHILDREN.